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INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH EXTAFF REVEAL DISC STILL VERY
HOT SUBJECT IN OTTAWA. ACCORDING FOWLER, COMMERCIAL
POLICY, EXTAFF, CANADIANS ARE CURRENTLY HAVING INTENSIVE
DISCUSSIONS ON TACTICS TO BE USED AT GENEVA. IN SPITE
OF STRONG CANADIAN FEELING, BELIEVE NO HARM CAN BE DONE
BY INFORMING CANADIANS REASONS FOR OUR CONCERN ABOUT
TAX PRACTICES OF FRANCE, BELGUIM AND THE
NETHERLANDS BEFORE GOC HAS FIRMED ITS TACTICAL POSITION
FOR FORTHCOMING SERIES GATT PANEL MEETINGS. CANADA'S TRADE
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INTEREST IN THESE OTHER COUNTRIES' PRACTICES SHOULD BE

SIMILAR TO OURS.
ENDERS

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